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# PREFACE

It is my great pleasure to publish the Proceedings of the 6<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on SEASTAR2000 and Asian Bio-logging Science (The 10<sup>th</sup> SEASTAR2000 workshop) held in Phuket on February 23 - 35 2010. There were 38 papers in the symposium: 18 on sea turtles, 12 on marine mammals, 5 on fish telemetry and 3 on sea grass. The participants were from 7 countries and 2 international organizations. I hereby appreciate the input and efforts of all the participants. In the Proceedings, we have selected and recorded 13 papers: 5 on sea turtles, 4 on marine mammals, 3 on sea grasses and 1 on fish telemetry. The Proceedings are due to be registered in the data base in the Kyoto University Research Information Repository as following URL.

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We are performing the Southeast Asia Sea Turtle Associative Research (SEASTAR2000), the Mekong Giant Catfish Tracking Project (MCTP) and the Dugong Biological Survey (DBS) as part of the 21st Century Centers of Excellence (COE) Program (2002-2006) and the Global COE Program (2007-2012). All the species of the projects are heavily endangered and need sufficient degree of protection. They are listed in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Appendix I. However, very little is known of the species whilst the implementation of their conservation is a pressing problem in Thailand and neighboring ASEAN countries. From this standpoint, it is important to discuss mutually with each other among the researchers and administrators of the countries concerned.

We launched the first SEASTAR2000 workshop in 2000 in Kyoto, Japan. Since then the meeting has been held every year. I hope the meetings will continue into the next generation.

Nobuaki Arai  
Secretary to SEASTAR2000



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